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Inventors: LU, Xiao et al.
Application No.: 10/717.463
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Title: PROCESS FOR RECOVERING VALUE-ADDED
PRODUCTS FROM PULPING SOAP
Group Art Unit: 1654
Examiner: Susan Beth McCormick-Ewoldt

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1. a form entitled: "Revocation of Power of Attorney with New Power
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2. a Statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b), also executed by the President
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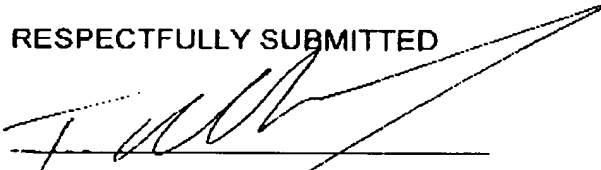
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2- The Applicant has received the Office Action mailed on February 7th, 2005. In response to this Action, the Applicant hereby elects claims 1 to 28 (group I) drawn to a process for isolating phytosterols from pulping soap.

Of course, the Applicant reserves its right to file a divisional application to resume examination of the non-elected claims.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED



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